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Affirming the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Lease Agreement

On September 4, 2013, the Board of Directors of the California Science Center voted unanimously to approve the final terms of a lease agreement with the University of Southern California (USC) for the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and Sports Arena. The new lease was signed the next day.

The California Science Center Board of Directors is appointed by the Governor of California to protect the interests of the State of California. The vote to approve the lease agreement with USC came after a series of public meetings and lengthy negotiations to ensure the best interests of the people of California would be served.

The lease agreement will provide for extensive renovations of the Coliseum, while ensuring access, including parking, to all public venues in Exposition Park.

Despite the public process leading to an agreement approved by the Governor's representatives, the California legislature has passed a bill, Senate Bill 695, which adds new restrictions to management of parking facilities of the California Science Center by

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amending the California Food and Agricultural Code. The bill awaits the approval of the Governor of California.

The bill, if enacted, is a superfluous measure that attempts to achieve an outcome rejected by the public process which led to the final lease agreement, approved by the State's representatives.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Immediately send a five signature letter to the Governor of California expressing its opposition to Senate Bill 695 and urging the Governor not approve the bill. By doing so, the Board of Supervisors affirms both the integrity of the Coliseum lease agreement as well as the soundness of the current relevant provisions of the California Food and Agricultural Code.

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